

HEADQUARTERS 49TH BOMBARDMENT WING (H)
APO 520 U S ARMY

13 October 1944

OPERATIONS ORDER)

NUMBER 209)

1. a. See Latest Intelligence Summaries and Annex "A".

b. (1) Bombers: Six Gps B-17s, 5th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER NORTH OIL REFINERY (50° 21'N, 18° 17'E); time at KP 0952A. Four Gps B-24s, 47th Wg, will destroy ROLLING STOCK IN MARIBOR SOUTH M/Y and MARIBOR R/R BRIDGE (46° 31'N, 15° 40'E); time at KP 0922A. Four Gps, B-24s, 55th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 17'N, 18° 15'E); time at KP 1002A. Four Gps, B-24s, 304th Wg, will destroy BLECHHAMMER SOUTH OIL REFINERY (50° 17'N, 18° 15'E); time at KP 1012A.

(2) Escort: 15th Ftr Cmd will provide penetration, target and withdrawal cover for main Bomber Force.

2. Maximum effort B-24s (36 A/C per Gp) each 451st BG, 461st BG, and 484th BG will attack ODERTAL OIL REFINERY AREA (50° 26'N, 18° 08'E) on 14 October 1944. This is Plan "Able".

BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: 484th BG and 461st BG will line rendezvous behind 451st BG when 451st BG flies over BOVINO on a TC of 332° at 0925A enroute to KP via CASALNUOVO. Rendezvous altitudes: 6,000, 7,000, and 8,000 ft.

FIGHTER BOMBER RENDEZVOUS: To be furnished later.

WING FORMATION: Staggered column of Gps stepped up.

AIR FORCE FORMATION: Close column of Wgs at order: 5th Wg lead - 55th Wg - 304th Wg - 49th Wg and.

ORDER OF FLIGHT: 451st BG lead - 484th BG, and 461st BG.

ROUTE OUT: Base to KP to TP #1 to TP #2 to TP #3 to TP #4 to CP to TP #5 to IP to Target.

KEY POINT: TIJESNO (43° 48'N, 15° 39'E). Base Alt: 14,000 ft at 1022A.

TURN POINT #1: BOSAN PETRIVAC (44° 33'N, 16° 22'E).

TURN POINT #2: CSURGO (46° 16'N, 17° 06'E).

TURN POINT #3: BALATON BOLGAR (46° 47'N, 17° 40'E).

TURN POINT #4: GUTA (47° 55'N, 18° 00'E).

TURN POINT #5: LIPNIK (49° 31'N, 17° 35'E).

INITIAL POINT: OLBERSDORF (50° 10'N, 17° 34'E).

AXIS OF ATTACK: 53° TC.

AIMING POINT: Optional.

INTERVALOMETER SETTING: Optional.

AREA TO BE BOMBED: All Gps Center of Impact K-11-12 in area enclosed by K-10, L/M-11, K/L-12/13. J-11/12 on Briefing Chart 13-39-NA.

TARGET TIME: 1225A.

BOMBING ALTITUDE: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000).

TARGET ELEVATION: 607 ft).

RALLY: Left around flak back to Control Point.

ROUTE BACK: Target to CP to TP #4 to TP #3 to TP #2 to TP #1 to KP to Base.

FIRST ALTERNATE TARGET: PFF on Primary.

SECOND ALTERNATE TARGET: BOHUMIN OIL REFINERY (49° 54'N, 18° 21'E). IP: RIBNIK (50° 06'N, 18° 33'E). Axis of attack: 214°. Rally: Sharp left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: Target #1 on Briefing Chart 15-17-NA. Target elevation: 662 ft.

THIRD ALTERNATE TARGET: PRIVOZ OIL REFINERY (49° 51'N, 18° 16'E). IP: FULNEK (49° 42'N, 17° 55'E). Axis of attack: 60°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: Target #1 on Briefing Chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft.

FOURTH ALTERNATE TARGET: VITKOVICE STEEL WORKS (49° 48'N, 18° 17'E). IP: FULNEK (49° 42'N, 17° 55'E). Axis of attack: 67°. Rally: Left off target. Bombing altitude: (451st BG - 22,000), (484th BG - 23,000), (461st BG - 24,000). Area to be bombed: All Gps Target #3 Center of Impact C-18 on Target Chart 15-15-NA. Target elevation: 711 ft.

3. x. (1) All Gps load 500# RDX fused .1 nose and mixed .01 and .025 tail.
 - (2) Gps will be at bombing altitude at TP #6 and go into left Echelon at TP #6.
 - (3) PFF A/C will lead all units.
 - (4) Purpose of 47th Wg operation is to provide a screening effect for the main bomber force.

4. No Change.

5. a. (1) Command Radio: SOP.
 - (2) Bomber Call Signs: (5th Wg, "Betty 1"), (451st BG, "Betty 41"), (461st BG, "Betty 43"), (484th BG, "Betty 42"), (55th Wg, "Betty 2"), (304th Wg, "Betty 3").
 - (3) Fighter Call Signs: Escort will use "Exceed" with numbered suffizes in order of contact with bomber formation. WX Recon A/C: (Route out: "Moses 1"), (Route back: "Moses 2").
 - (4) Recall Identification Codeword: (5th Wg, "Ashtray"), (47th Wg, "Sailfish"), (49th Wg, "Bighouse"), (55th Wg, "Pooltable"), (304th Wg, "Catwalk"), (15th Ftr Cmd, "Poorbred").
 - (5) Bomber-Fighter VHF Channel: "A".
 - (6) Visual Signals: SOP.

Aldis Lamp: SOP.

(7) All units so equipped will employ carpet. All A/C of 451st BG and lead attack unit of 461st BG load four (4) cartons Window (CHA-3). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and

continue at the rate of six (6) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak. Lead attack unit of 484th BG load two (2) cartons Window (CHA-3-(3)). Dispensing will begin three (3) minutes before IP and continue at the rate of three (3) bundles every twenty (20) seconds until clear of flak.

- b. (1) Combat Wing Commander: Major Anderson.
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